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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Ostendorf, R-518

Dear fellow sales tax token collectors, I hope this letter finds you well.

First of all, thanks for renewing. I hope you are pleased with the Newsletter. Bill has done a fantastic job of putting together a Newsletter with interesting articles and great information and getting it out on time! Bill has the toughest job in the organization, and it can be made easier if he has contributions from members, so please consider writing an article for him.

Looking ahead in 2020 – this is our golden anniversary as an organization. We want to do something special for our members this year. Perhaps a specially designed MO-c/s? If anyone has ideas, please let me know. Also, if we did a special counterstamp, if you have artistic skills or want to submit a sketch to me, please do so. My artistic skills topped out in 2nd grade. My email address is in the back of the Newsletter.

Happy collecting, John

2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE!

You can pay via Paypal by sending \$15 to jnlcalvert@gmail.com or mail \$15 to **Jim Calvert, 769 Bracken Ln, Nipomo, CA 93444**

We very much appreciate your continued support and ask you to renew promptly so Jim doesn't have to send out reminder notices. Thanks for being a member of the ATTS!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send your own questions, comments, corrections, or information to:

[BILL at: Wjmhands@gmail.com](mailto:Wjmhands@gmail.com)

This issue's LTTE contributors include: **Joe McCarthy**, **John Ostendorf** – all getting a brownie point for the fun of sharing with us. THANKS GUYS!!

PLEASE NOTE: If you are emailing me I would greatly appreciate it if you would supply **your full name** and membership number. Often I receive an email from “Jack” and I don’t recognize the name off-hand or the email address either. So in order for me to list it here I have to go through my entire email address book looking for “Jack”. Likewise, if you don’t include your return address on a snail mail, please give me your full name on the written enclosure. Thanks for saving me a little time. I do appreciate EVERY contact but this identification would also be appreciated. **My sincere thanks, as always.**

BILL MYERS (R-570) WRITES: Thanks to Joe McCarthy for his contribution of his sales tax token finds. He finds some interesting stuff. John Ostendorf submitted an interesting article on some new unlisted sales tax punch cards. John has proven there is still more to learn about sales tax items. I discuss three sales tax tokens I located at a coin show and I have not found an explanation for a token that appears to be struck in a different metal.

ATTS 50th ANNIVERSARY IN 2021

Member Nick Sapone brought it to my attention that 2021 is the 50th anniversary of the ATTS and felt it should be commemorated. John Ostendorf and I agree with Nick. We have a year to plan it.

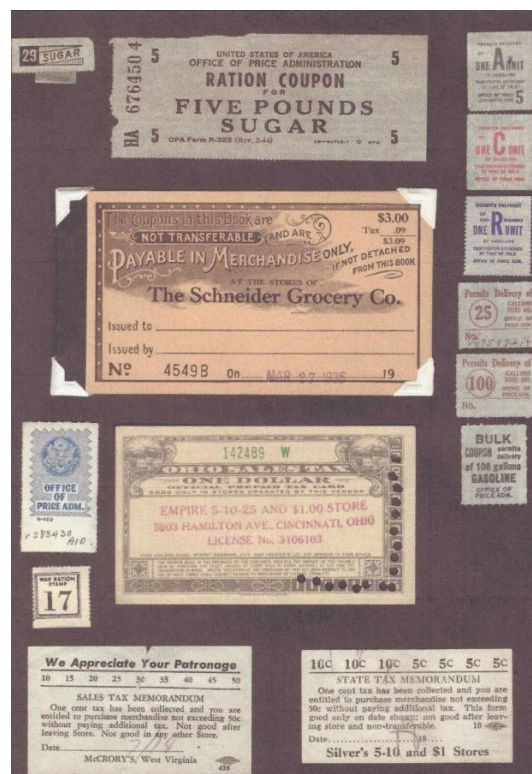
First, I would like to receive some memories about the society. Does anyone have any history on how the society started, information on the founding members and key contributors? I would also like to hear from the members on how they got started in collecting sales tax tokens and any other interesting stories related to collecting. Do not be shy or modest, the membership would like to hear from you.

The other idea Nick brought up was have something to commemorate the anniversary. An elongated cent or tax token and a counter stamped Missouri carboard token has been suggested. Does anyone have any other ideas? Remember the society has limited funds and cost is a consideration.

Does anyone have any other ideas on how to commemorate the 50th anniversary? E-mail them to me at wjmhands@gmail.com and I will consolidate them for the board to review. This is your society and your contributions and input are needed.

JOSEPH MCCARTHY (L-616) WRITES: These items, two scans, were listed on E-bay with a scheduled closing on Dec. 7th. Yesterday I went to the site to check on it since I felt it was going to go for more than I could currently bid but wanted to have final info for the club. The item had been withdrawn even though there were at least two bids. I was able to contact the seller who stated that a customer came into his store and wanted to purchase them; so he sold them and cancelled all bids. I couldn't get a price. The first scan has three Punch Cards.

1. OH SPC2 – EMP, Empire 5-10-25- and - \$1.00 Store, Cincinnati, R-5
2. WV L7B - McC, McCRORY'S, West Virginia, R-10
3. WV L15 – Sil, Silver's, R-10



The Second scan contains three Punch Cards

1. OH NPC-EDK, I believe an R-10
2. OH either a NPC or a TPC, Could be an R-10
3. WV L2 – SSK, S.S. Kresge, listed as R-10

Lost by Ed Kleinbeck 3-7-35

The Cost of This Card is \$1.03
Ohio Sales Tax Paid By Consumer at Time of Purchase

ED. KLEINBECK
RESTAURANT and CAFE
51st BROADWAY - CINCINNATI, O.

Tax Paid By *Ed Kleinbeck*
Date Issued *2-26-35* 11
Signed *William Steing*
This Card to be Punched as Merchandise is Called For.

LICENSE No. 3102161
This Stamp On Other Scales

Ohio State Sales Tax

L. BAUMEL

SALES TAX MEMORANDUM

One cent tax has been collected and you are entitled to purchase merchandise not exceeding 50c without paying additional tax. Not good after leaving Store. Not good in any other Store. Not transferable.

Date *7-19*
S. S. Kresge Co. 5c-10c-25c Store No. 135

10	10	10	5	5	5	5
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Sorry, that all the information I could come up with, maybe the buyer can provide additional info.

I recently acquired three Miscellaneous "JERRY BATES" Sales Tax Tokens for \$21.50, plus \$6.00 shipping, as follows:

1. Misc. O9
2. Misc. O7
3. Misc. O7

Also I forgot to tell both of you that about five days before that HUGE lot of OH MPC's and SPC' etc were pulled from E-bay, another lot was pulled from E-bay, see scan. I was unable to obtain any info on the sale, but wanted you both to at least see a scan of the item.

DATE ISSUED <u>4/30/35</u>		Nº <u>41</u>													
ONE DOLLAR NOT TRANSFERABLE															
\$1.00 MERCHANDISE PREPAID TAX CARD \$1.00															
(Good only in store operated by this Vendor)															
ALVIN R. BLINN		License													
THE LYKENS GENERAL STORE		No. 1,700,161													
R. D. 2	Bloomville, Ohio	Permit No. 3410													
"OHIO RETAIL SALES TAX HAS BEEN COLLECTED UPON THE SALE OF \$1.00 WORTH OF MERCHANDISE AS EVIDENCED BY 3-CENT PREPAID TAX RECEIPT AFFIXED HERETO." (On reverse side of this card.)															
[See regulations on back]															
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	5	5	5	5	5

I have attached a scan with the two North Carolina Sales Tax items.



I have attached a scan of my purchase on E-bay, Jan. 2nd. A Missouri Cs119A, M&D rated R-7. The opening bid was \$39.99, plus \$3.00 shipping (plus sales tax). Bidding was open for about a week. I obtained it for the opening bid.

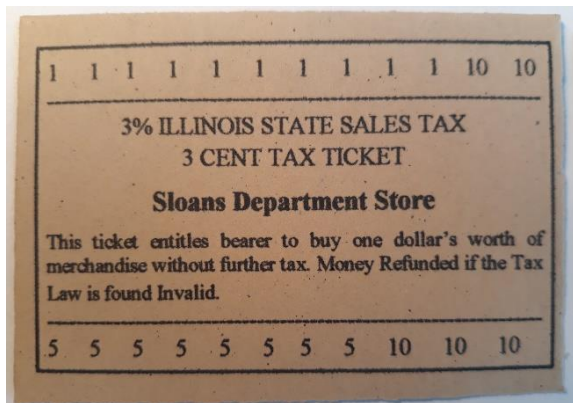


SOME NEW UNLISTED SALES TAX PUNCHCARDS

by John Ostendorf, R-518

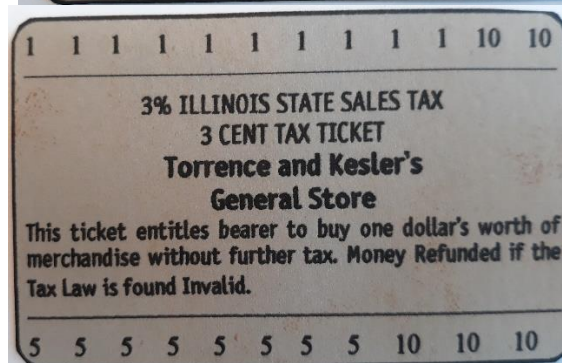
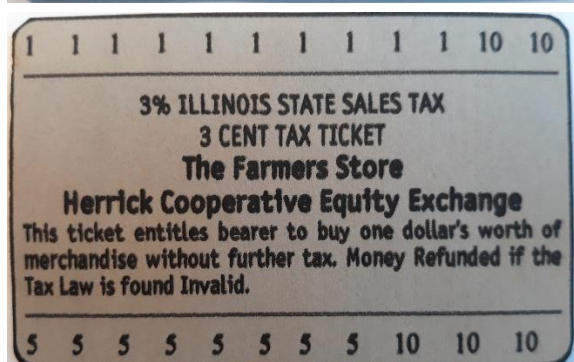
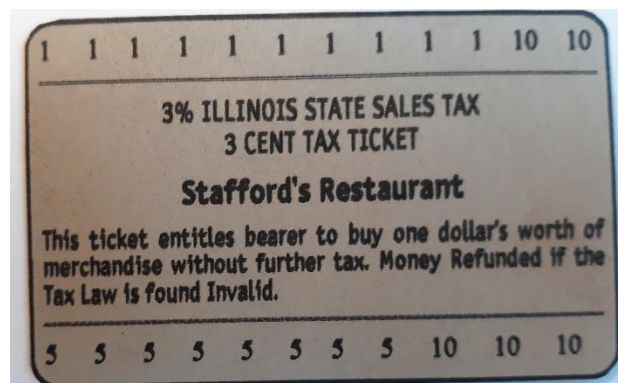
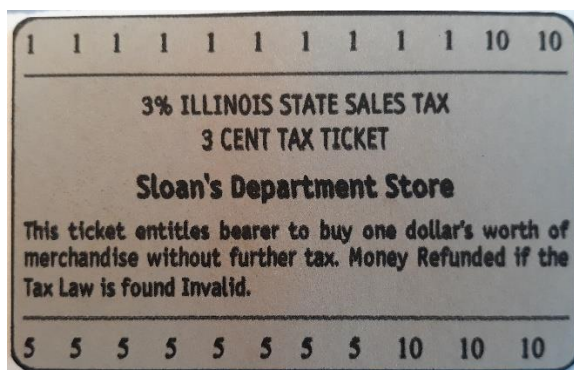
I recently purchased a collection of nice sales tax tokens, primarily from Illinois, but also some Missouri counterstamps and Washington scrip and Tenino woods. The focus of this article are the new finds – some exciting sales tax punchcards from Herrick, Illinois and Orland Park, Illinois.

Herrick, Illinois is a small community in central Illinois that had a population of only 474 in 1930 (and not much more now). The Herrick pieces I acquired are all uncirculated and of two types. What I am calling “Type 1” are 53x74mm and have sharp, squared off corners and are printed on heavy cardboard. These were issued for Sloans Department Store and Stafford’s Restaurant. Looking closely at the right side of the Stafford’s Restaurant punchcard, you can see where it was probably torn off a sheet of 10 or 20. The reverses are blank.



“Type 2” Herrick punchcards are 44x70mm with rounded corners. I believe these were a second type because they are an improvement on the previous type with a smaller size, thinner cardboard, and rounded rather than sharp corners. Also, the spelling of “Sloan’s” is corrected on the rounded corners variety. It is possible that there are type 1 varieties of all four merchants.



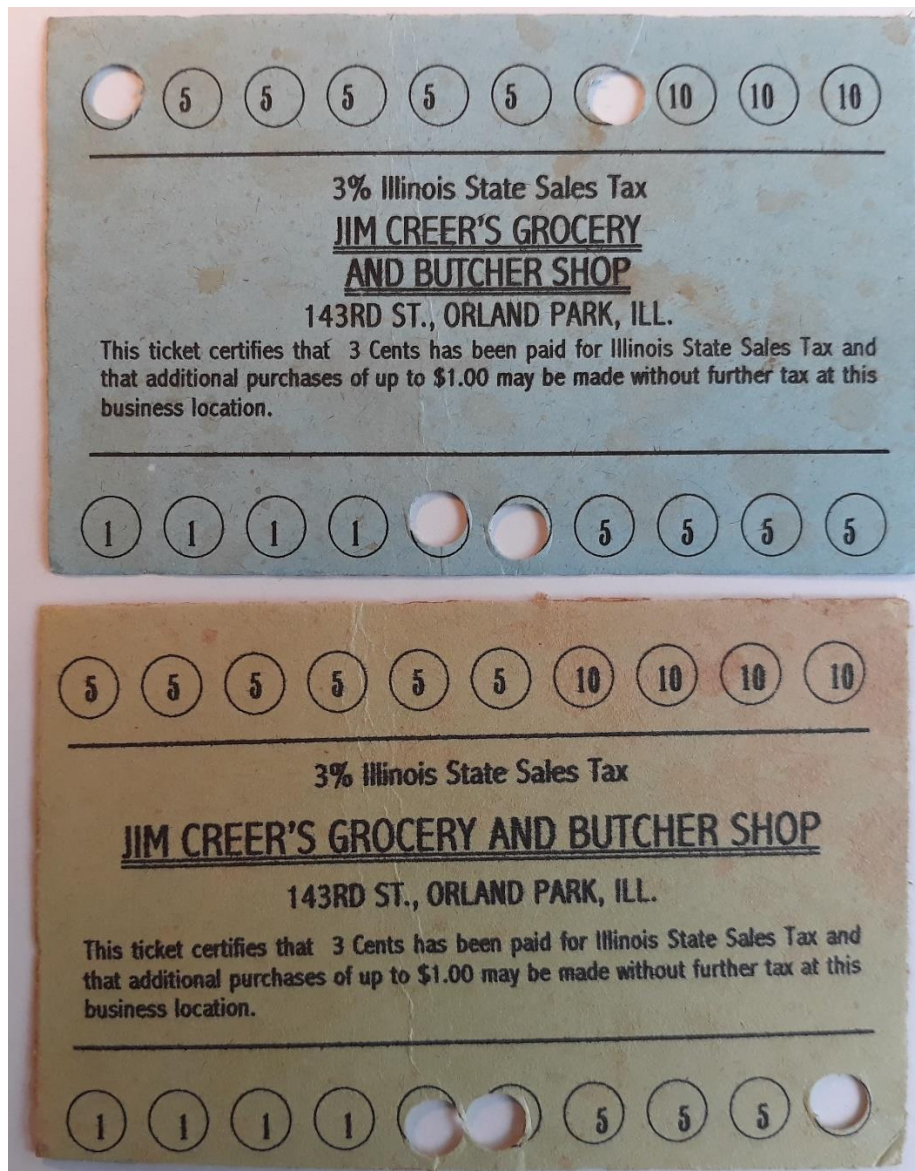


There is also interesting language on all of these Herrick pieces – “Money Refunded if the Tax Law is found Invalid”. This indicates these were emergency pieces issued between April 1, 1933 when the 3% sales tax law went into effect and May 10, 1933 when that law was struck down. The fact that all six of these punchcards are uncirculated may mean they were never issued or they were surplus in the hands of the merchants.

I was able to determine these punchcards were from Herrick based on one of the punchcards mentioning the Herrick Cooperative Equity Exchange and the following search results I found on Ancestry.com:

The history of **Torrence and Kesler** began very early after the founding of Herrick. A. W. Oare relates that Logan Nance and C. W. Kesler opened a general store on the east side of block 6 and continued in business for one year. Then Nance moved to Cowden. About two years later Nance returned with his brother-in-law, Jake G. Torrence and opened a general store in a frame building where the **Stafford** Hotel later stood. This building burned in 1901, a new building was erected on the northwest corner of block 7. Torrence and Nance continued in business until Nance died about 1906. Harry Kesler then bought Nance's interest in the store and gave Herrick the firm of Torrence and Kesler. The store had a long interesting "life" span. It was sold in 1960 to Cobe Richeson.

The other two punchcards are from Jim Creer's Grocery and Butcher Shop in Orland Park, Illinois. Orland Park is now a suburb of Chicago, but had a population of only 571 in 1930. These are of two distinct types and both circulated. Both are 60x95mm, one is olive green and the other light blue. The layout of "JIM CREER'S GROCERY AND BUTCHER SHOP" differs on the punchcards. The reverses are blank.



I've been collecting sales tax tokens a long time. It's really exciting to find this kind of material and shows that there are exciting new finds out there just waiting to be found.

SALES TAX TOKEN FINDS

Sales tax tokens are not found very often at coin shows but I was at a local coin club coin show and one dealer had five double row boxes with tokens and medals in 2X2s. The contents were in random order, so I had to go through all the 2X2s. There was a fair amount of sales tax tokens in the boxes. Most were the common tokens that can be found in junk boxes. I did come across three interesting tokens. One is an $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ sales tax token from Kankakee, IL (L49B). The next token is Oklahoma 1 mill (S1) with the center hole punched 2 mm off center. The last token is Oklahoma 5 mills (S2) that it is copper, not the usual brass, in color. I checked M & D and there is no copper issued or pattern token listed for a 5 mills token. The weight is 2.88 gm which is close to the weight of the S2 brass tokens I have (2.91 & 3.14 gm). Close examination of the coin does not show any brass visible through the copper and the edge and center hole are copper. I assume this is a brass token that was copper-plated. The question is why. Could this have been done to use it for different official reason, to pass it off as a similar appearing token that cost more, or someone was just goofing off and decided to plate the token. I am open to any suggestions and information.

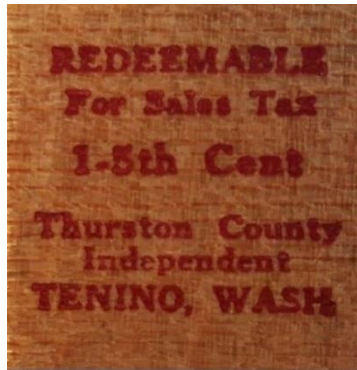


Sales Tax Tokens Online

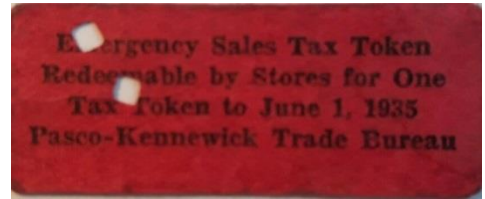
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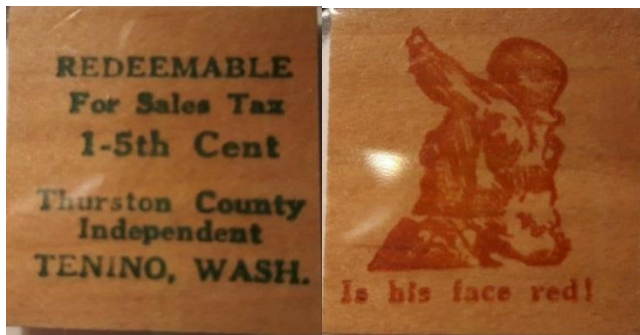
MI Grand Rapids 1 mill
\$4.25 16NOV19



WA Tenino 1/5th ¢ Thurston
County \$56.05 28NOV19



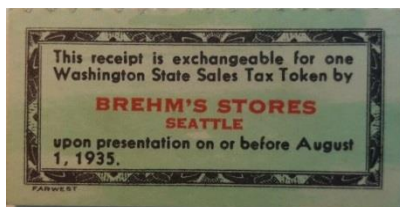
WA Pasco-Kennewick one sales tax
token \$46.20 28NOV19



WA Tenino 1/5th ¢ Thurston County \$56.02 28NOV19



WA Rhodes 1 sales tax token \$19 28NOV19



WA Seattle Brehm's one sales
Tax token \$3128NOV19



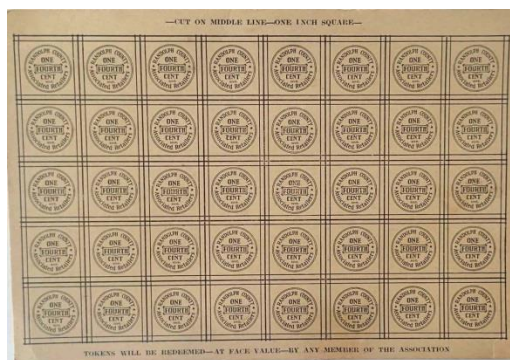
CA White Log Tavern Good for sales tax on 5¢ purchase 3
sheets \$26.45 1DEC19





IL 1/3¢ & 3¢ paid ticket \$145.20 1DEC19

MO 1 mill Billie Jean Curtis \$6.98 2DEC19



MO St Charles 1% sales tax penny Jerry Bates \$10 4 & 5DEC19 \$7.50 13DEC19

IL Randolph Country 1/4¢ uncut sheet \$119.70 8DEC19



IL 14 sales tax tokens \$674.95 8 DEC19 OK 1 mill off center best offer <\$7.50 11DEC19



MO 1 mill We Want Roosevelt Again in 1940 \$162.39 12DEC19

WA Tenino 1/5¢ Thurston County \$29.12 12DEC19



WA Tenino 1/5¢ Thurston County \$34 12DEC19



IL Royalton 1/4¢ \$41 12DEC19



MO 1 mill Also Good in Los Angeles 1936 LA Con Corp \$30.44 13DEC19



MO 1 mill Rambler Gas Sells For Less, Why Pay More? \$31.46 13DEC19



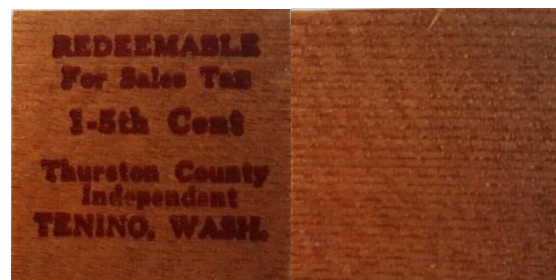
NE Omaha C of C Sales Tax None \$50.49 13DEC19



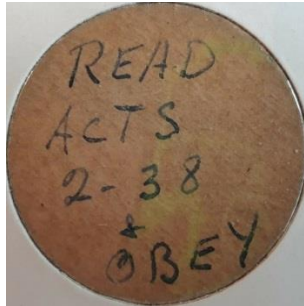
IL Arcola 1/4¢ \$8.85 18DEC19



CO 1/5¢ Sales Tax Token off center \$12.49 19DEC19



WA Tenino 1/5¢ Thurston County \$78.50 23DEC19



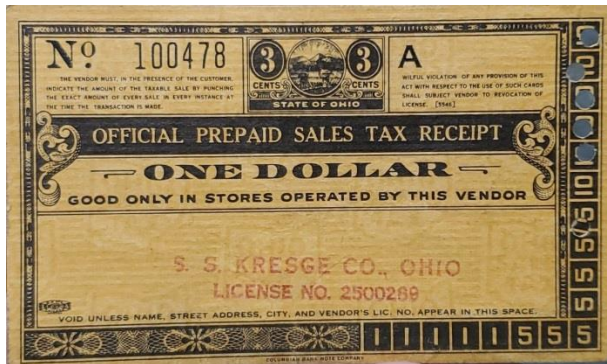
MO 1 mill stamped
\$12.99 23 DEC19



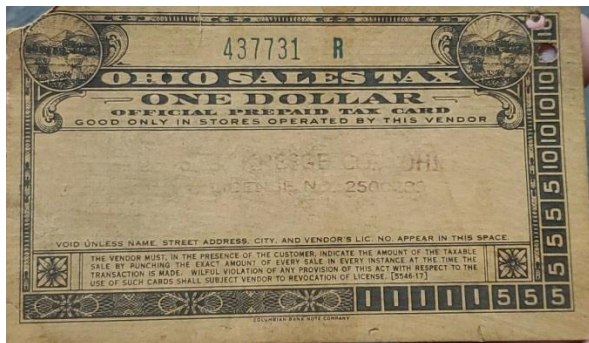
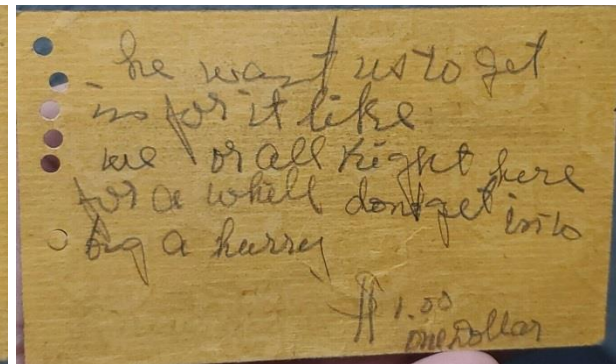
WA Tenino 1/5¢ Thurston County \$78
23DEC19



IL Pontiac 1/4¢ \$47.89
23DEC19



OH SS Kresge \$1 punch card \$28.99 5DEC19



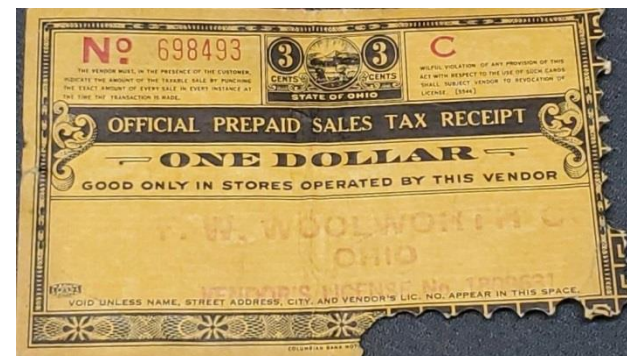
OH SS Kresge \$1 punch card \$24.99 5DEC19

REVENUES FROM THE OHIO SALES TAX DURING 1936
WILL BE USED AS FOLLOWS:-

FOR SCHOOLS	\$24,748,500	45.00%
" LOCAL GOVERNMENT	16,499,000	30.00%
" POOR RELIEF	10,000,000	18.18%
" VENDORS' AND TREASURERS' DISCOUNTS	1,925,000	3.50%
" ADMINISTRATION	1,827,500	3.32%
ESTIMATED COLLECTION	55,000,000	100.00%



OH Woolworth \$1 punch card \$33.35 7DEC19



OH Woolworth \$1 punch card \$24.99 13DEC19



OH 3 cents coupons X 50 31DEC19 WA sales tax tokens X 24 \$307.83 12JAN20 31DEC19



\$13.65 OH punch cards X 4 \$239.45 5JAN20



NC sales tax coupons X 7 \$150.20 OH sales tax stamps X 17 \$7.20 12JAN20 17JAN19



CA Warboy's sales tax tokens X 14 sheets ¼, ½, 1 mill \$47.95 19JAN20



MI sales tax coupons 5, 10, 25, 50 cents \$1, \$5 \$384.95 19JAN20



Canada Quebec Woolworth's 1c \$5.94 19JAN20 & \$8.50 23JAN20



PA, IN, OH, WV 14 sales tax coupons \$684.95 19JAN20

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY ARE NEEDED



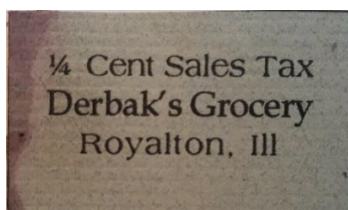
MO box of green tokens \$41.85
19JAN20



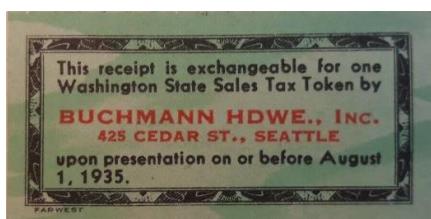
IL 36 sales tax tokens \$83.91
19JAN20



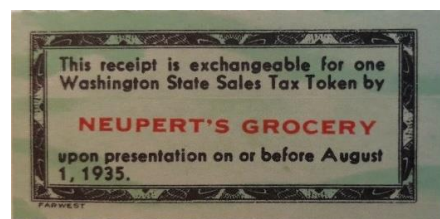
OH 35 sales tax stamps \$9.95
19JAN20



IL Royalton 1/4¢ \$17.50
20JAN20



WA Seattle L29 \$12.50 20JAN20



WA Seattle L35 \$31 20JAN20



WA Spokane L46, L47
\$20.50 20JAN20



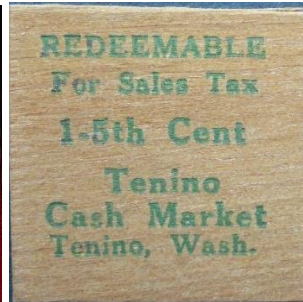
OH 80 tax stamps \$11
26JAN20



IL 24 County/Provisional sales tax
tokens \$43.71 26JAN20



100+ sales tax tokens & other stuff
\$25 29JAN20



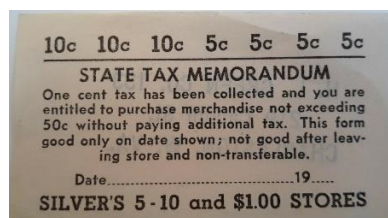
WA Tenino 1/5¢
\$29.45 1FEB20



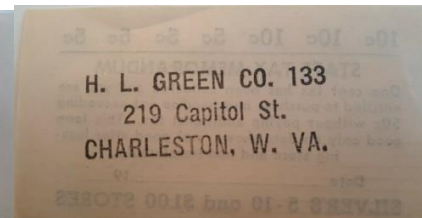
WA Ranier, Rhodes, Buckmann
Howe L 29, 42, 43 \$27.95 1FEB20



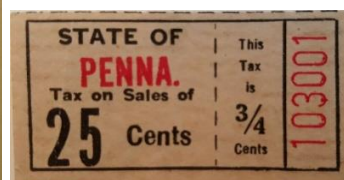
OH 55 tax stamps \$12.95
2FEB20



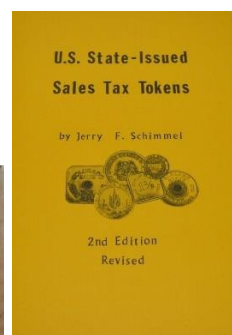
WV Sales Tax Memorandum Charleston \$105.50 7FEB20



KY 2¢ tax stamp \$61.89
7FEB20



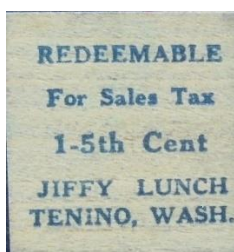
PA 3/4¢ pattern \$112.39
7FEB20



Schimmel 2nd ed
\$10.90 8FEB20



WA Seattle Brehm's
Farwest \$47 8FEB20



WA Tenino 1/5¢ IL Rock Island 1/4¢ \$2.95 10FEB20
\$60 8FEB20



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SECRETARY/TREASURER'S NOTES

Jim Calvert R-533

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FINANCIAL REPORT

November 1, 2019 – January 31, 2020

Beginning Balance	11/01/2019	Ending Balance \$	417.13	
Balance	11/30/2019	Expenses 0	Income 0	Ending Balance \$417.13
Balance	12/31/2019	Expenses \$227.39	Income \$133.52	Ending Balance \$313.26
Balance	1/31/2020	Expenses \$14.26	Income \$45.00	Ending Balance \$344.00

The balance for FEB covers the cost of the last newsletter. As usual, this report does not include the cost of this newsletter because that cost can't be known until after this statement is made. We are in good financial shape. Thanks to all who have made a donation.

DONATIONS: All the donations are appreciated very much and help keep us from needing to raise the dues even with increased postal rates and coping costs. Life members, it is okay if you want to make a donation.

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT

February 1, 2020

NEW MEMBERS:	None
DROPS:	None
MEMBERSHIP:	60 paid + 6 donated



TRADING POST

Deadline for Issue #189 = May 5, 2020

RULES:

CLASSIFIED All members may place a classified advertisement **free of charge** and may change it every issue if they wish. No limitations on word count as long as it stays within reason.

FOR SALE ITEMS: (1) Up to ten items (lots) per issue per member. (2) Fixed prices only - no trades or auctions. (3) Members may offer a fixed price WITH an Or Best Offer option if they desire to do so. (4) Sellers must list a preferred contact and type of payment accepted (Checks, Money Orders, Pay Pal), as well as postage costs, if any. (5) Sellers must accept returns on all sales for 10 days after customer's date of receipt. (6) Refunds to the customer do not include their return postage costs. (7) Each lot may include up to three photos. (8) **10% of all sales** must be paid to Jim Calvert for the ATTS on an honor basis. Be SURE to let Jim know why you are paying him those funds when you send them. (9) Editor reserves the right to refuse or refine any For Sale Lot. I can't actually think why that would ever happen.

ATTENTION

READ THIS IF YOU HAVE A CLASSIFIED AD IN THIS ISSUE

All but the first classified ad have been listed for the past few years. Since it is a new year I need to know if these ads are still valid. If you want your ad to continue contact me at wjmhands@gmail.com. If I do not hear from you the ad will be removed

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: United States Sales Tax Tokens and Stamps: A History and Catalog, by Malehorn and Davenport. New copy, fresh shrink wrap, comes with ten different sales tax tokens, including one stamp and one 1/4 cent provisional from Illinois. Supreme mailer, half price \$25, postpaid. Paul Cunningham, P.O. Box 1, Tecumseh, MI 49286. **** NEW ****

WANTED: All kinds of paper or cardboard scrip and tokens. Especially state sales tax, coal and lumber, depression era, food stamp change, etc. Scott McClung, 8381-H Montgomery Run Road, Ellicott City, MD. 21043. Phone: 410-868-3318.

PLL BUY YOUR COLLECTION: Tougher IL provisionals and virtually any STT scrip wanted. Also buying entire STT collections. Please contact John Ostendorf, 523 Hiwasee Rd, Waxahachie, TX 75165 or johnoste@yahoo.com.

TEXAS WANTED: Trade my unc. Franklin Spears for a Bill Bringham or Dean Johnson for a Charlotte Keats. Larry Warner
office@larrywarner.com

CASINO CHIPS WANTED: Check your top drawer, jewelry box, etc. Buying one chip or whole collections. *Contact Peter Volburg, P.O. Box 3037, Farmingdale NY 11735 or
QUALPETE@aol.com

OH, PURTY PURTY PLEASE: Looking for a nice example of an Oklahoma S-7. I have tons of scarce and rare trading material. Contact Jim Calvert at 1984 Lyn Rd., Arroyo Grande CA 93420 or jnlcalvert@gmail.com

I REALLY NEED THESE TOKENS: Looking for OK S-6, Ok S-7, Illinois L-3 Astoria, L- 19 Casey, L-36 Depue, L-56 Livingston, L-104 Witt Co. Contact Kevin Barnett, 17404 Hilltop Ridge Drive, Eureka MO or eldeaco@yahoo.com

WANTED: Great JPEG photos of your rare tokens, scrip, or related memorabilia. Willing to give you trade value for those photos I need. Up to \$10 in trade value for really tough items I need photos of. I have too many great sales tax tokens and scrip that I need to have gone before the ID & PG is published and I'm willing to trade them for your help in locating impossible photos. Monte C. Dean, moxking@aol.com or 121 E. Fairview St., Spring Valley, MN 55975

NM S-8 BLACK 5 MILLS Uncirculated. Scarce R-7 in M&D. \$79.50. Please add \$4.50 to help with postage and insurance. Checks held until cleared Mike Batkin, P.O. Box. 13223, El Paso, Texas, 79913

**DUES ARE DUE
PAY NOW SO YOU
CONTINUE TO RECEIVE
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